

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-35, 37-47, 49-51 and 53-56 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 6-8, 20, 21, 26-28, 40, 49-51 and 53-56 are independent.

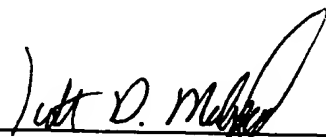
As will be appreciated, claims 1-15, 17-35, 37-47, 49-51 and 53-55 were previously allowed. Claim 56 has been added to recite additional features of the subject invention.

Claim 56 relates to an exposure apparatus and includes a chamber and first and second gas supply units as set forth in claim 1. In addition, a control mechanism controls the supply of the first and second gases.

Applicant intends to file additional papers in the near future. If the Examiner takes up the case for action before such papers are filed, it is respectfully requested that Applicant's undersigned representative be contacted.

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